American Dragon The Ski Trip (7W14 Ñ 119)

FADE IN:

EXT. CENTRAL PARK - SNOWY FIELD N DAY

ON JAKE AND ROSE, looking lovingly down at CAMERA.

1 ROSE

He has your eyes.

2 JAKE

But he has your smile.

NEW ANGLE REVEALS Jake and Rose are the proud parents of a SNOWMAN, with coal for eyes and a mouth, and a big carrot for a nose.

3 ROSE

I don't know where that nose came from, though.

Jake cocks his head at the snowman, surveying it...

4 JAKE

Hmm... I think he's missing something.

5 ROSE

Arms!

As Rose turns around to forage for branches/arms...

Jake MORPHS into his DRAGON SNOUT and skillfully melts the snowman into a beautiful ice sculpture of Rose.

6 JAKE

Whadaya know. He is a she.

Rose turns around to see the ice sculpture. She in happy surprise.

7 ROSE

Jake! How did you--?

That's... awesome!

8 JAKE

Not as awesome as the real thing.

Jake leans in close to Rose but she's almost a head taller.

ON JAKE'S FEET - DRAGON CLAWS quietly slice out of his shoes.

He uses them to stand on his dragon tip-toes.

Unnoticed by Rose, Jake gains a few inches, just enough to reach her lips. Their faces are just inches apart when-Rose pulls away, looking at her PAGER.

Jake's dragon claws retract into his shoes, the moment broken.

9 ROSE
Sorry, Jake, I... I have to go.
(awkward beat) Well, bye!

Rose dashes off, leaving a confused Jake alone with the ice sculpture.

10 JAKE (V.O.)
Yo quys, I'm tellin' you--

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. FRONT OF SCHOOL Ñ DAY

TRIXIE, SPUD, and a giddy JAKE stand in a long LINE OF KIDS IN COATS carrying SKI GEAR, waiting to board a BUS.

11 JAKE
--it was the most perfect first
date ever! (then) Until she took
off for no reason.

In the BG, a snowball fight rages. SNOWBALLS by, narrowly missing Jake, Trixie & Spud as they talk.

Dude, what's up with the two of you always almost kissing? I'm growing impatient with this.

13 TRIXIE

Yeah. How come whenever you two hang out, one of you is always runnin' off somewhere?

Jake shrugs.

14 JAKE

Well, I got dragon business and Rose always has... aerobics or something?

15 TRIXIE

Jakey, not to bust your bubble, but if it was gonna happen between you and Rose, you think maybe it woulda happened already?

Spud puts a comforting arm around a now troubled Jake as all three of them instinctively duck to avoid FLYING SNOWBALLS.

16 SPUD

Chin up, Dude. Maybe you two can hang out more once aerobics season is over. Or dragon season...

Jake suddenly gets a look in his eye.

17 JAKE

Spud... that's it. Dragon season's never gonna be over. (then realizing) If I ever want things to happen with Rose, I gotta tell her the truth.

18 TRIXIE

The truth?

19 JAKE

The truth. Guys, I think it's time. This weekend, I'm telling Rose I'm a drag-

Trixie SLAPS a hand over Jake's mouth. They look up to see-PROFESSOR ROTWOOD standing at the door of the bus. He wears a goofy looking ski suit, including furry boots and Lederhosen.

20 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD Mister Long. I didn't know you were coming on the school ski trip! What fun this weekend will be.

21 TRIXIE You have no idea.

ON CUE, all three once again duck, allowing a snowball to fly over them and HIT Professor Rotwood in the face.

END TEASER

ACT ONE

INT. BUS Ñ DAY

CLOSE ON PROFESSOR ROTWOOD - his monocle now CRACKED (but still over his eye.) He looks calm, collected. As he speaks, he writes the word "CHAPE" on a CLIPBOARD in big bold black marker.

Chaperone. From the french "chape" meaning...
(then losing it, ripping up the paper on the clipboard)

'IF YOU HOODLUMS THINK YOU CAN GET

AWAY WITH ANYTHING ON THIS TRIP

YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER THINK COMING!!'

WIDEN - PROFESSOR ROTWOOD barks in the ears of students as they board the bus.

I did not spend eighteen years at Fumphshteiken University to baby sit children on a ski-trip. So, you will behave, or you will be gone. Questions!??

ON TRIXIE, SPUD and JAKE watching this nonplussed as they take their seats. (Jake sits one seat in front of Trixie and Spud, who share the seat behind him.)

Trixie rolls her eyes.

24 TRIXIE Somebody forgot to pop his chill pill this morning.

Jake shrugs.

25 **JAKE**

It's cool. Not even Rotwood's gonna ruin this weekend for me.

> 26 TRIXIE

About that... I don't think you and Rose are ready for the d word.

Jake shrugs.

27 JAKE

But she needs to know the real me. Besides, this weekend's Valentines Day. It's the perfect time.

> 28 TRIXIE

So what are you gonna do? Slip a Valentine under her door?

> SPUD 29

Yeah! With like a cute picture of a puppy on it...

(then reciting)

Roses are red. Puppy tails waggin'! By the way, I'm a dragon.

(then to Jake)

Want me to write that up for you?

Jake shakes his head, ignoring Spud.

30 **JAKE**

My mind's made up. I waited too long to tell you guys the truth about me. I'm not gonna make the same mistake with-

Jake smiles, as Rose boards the bus.

JAKE

Hey, I saved you a seat---Rose!

Rose smiles and waves at Jake, but before she can take another step, Rotwood looms over her and shoves her down in the seat next to BRAD.

> PROFESSOR ROTWOOD 32

Enough dilly dally! Take your

seats!

ON BRAD - as he cocks an eyebrow at Rose.

33 BRAD

Hey, Rose-alicious.

34 ROSE

(not pleased)

Hi, Brad.

35 BRAD

So guess what? The Bradster has turned over a new leaf. A leaf of sensitivity and compassion and junk like that. Watch this.

Brad squints, strains, and finally POPS a TEAR out of his eye. He pumps a fist in the air, yelling victoriously.

36 BRAD

WHOOO!!!! That's

right! The Bradster's not afraid

to cry!

(then to Rose)

You like that, baby?

Rose SINKS down in her seat, miserable.

JAKE simmers.

37 JAKE

I'll give that guy something to cry about.

WIPE TO:

INT. SCHOOL BUS / EXT. SKI RESORT Ñ LATER

PROFESSOR ROTWOOD stands in the front of the bus holding a handful of special school SKI PASSES. He leans against the closed door of the bus.

38 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD Attention students. I hold in my hand the key to your happiness.

CLOSE ON THE SKI PASS as Rotwood continues.

39 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD These are special ski passes issued by the school. You must keep them on your person at all times.

WIDE ON THE BUS, as the students stand.

40 STUDENTS

41 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD WAIT!!!! I did not yet give permission to de-bus... Ahhhhh!!!!

As Professor Rotwood talks, his wide gestures hit the lever to open the bus door (which he is leaning on). The bus doors fly open and he tumbles backwards down the bus stairs.

42 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD (O.S.)
Oh, something broke.
 (then hopeful)
Wait! It's just a sprain...
 (beat... CRACK...defeated)
Oh, no, it's broken.

EXT. SKI RESORT - SAME

ANGLE OUTSIDE THE BUS \tilde{N} Rotwood lies on the ground in a heap, as excited kids rush past him into the lodge. Each kid grabs a ski pass off him as they run past.

Jake, Spud and Trixie exit the bus, following suit.

43 SPUD You know, Jake's not the only one with a hook up to make this weekend.

44 TRIXIE Who are you crushing on?

45 SPUD

Not who. What.

Spud opens his arms in a grand gesture and we reveal...

A BEAUTY SHOT - of the SKI LIFT.

46 SPUD

The ski lift is my Valentine this weekend. She's playin' it cool right now, but by the time this bus pulls away on Sunday afternoon, she will be mine.

47 TRIXIE

Yo, Jake, can you translate Spud for me?

48 JAKE

Spud's never made it on the ski lift. He's kind of... terrified of it.

49 SPUD

Not terrified. Respectful.

Spud holds out his hand towards the ski lift about to touch it. He lets the ski lift "sniff" his hand like a dog, before gently reaching for it.

50 SPUD

Okay, girl. Gentle...

It LURCHES a bit and he jerks his hand back jumping away.

51 SPUD

Okay,

terrified.

CUT TO:

INT. SKI LODGE Ñ DAY

JAKE, TRIXIE and SPUD, LUGGAGE and SKIS in tow, walk down the hallway, trying to locate their assigned rooms.

Trixie spots hers first.

52 TRIXIE

Room 215. This is me.

Trixie opens her door to REVEAL:

THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR - ROSE sitting on the bed, smiling.

Jake reaches forward and the door in Trixie's face

before she manages to enter the room.

53 JAKE

You're rooming with Rose!

54 TRIXIE

Not if you don't let me through the door I'm not.

Jake drops his bags and grabs Trixie by both of her shoulders.

55 JAKE

Okay, here's the plan: you two are to stay up all night giggling and girl-talking about me. Then in the morning, you'll give me the 411 about Rose's hopes, dreams, favorite nail polish shade. (then) Yeah, baby, I am in!!

Jake does a quick celebratory end zone dance, which Trixie quickly squelches with a hand in his face.

56 TRIXIE

Yo, Jake, girl-talk is not my scene. Trixie does not do the giggly-headed-nail-painting-hair braiding-boy-liking-light-popcorn nibbling-flim-flam-

57 JAKE

I'll give you ten bucks.

58 TRIXIE

Make it twenty and I'll tape record her snoring.

59 JAKE

Deal.

Trixie and Jake quickly bump fists to seal the deal.

ANGLE THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR as Trixie walks into the room, throwing her arms around a terrified Rose...

60 TRIXIE

Rose! Girl hug!!! EEEEEeeeee!!

As the door shuts on Trixie and Rose, Jake and Spud walk on.

Jake reaches a door.

61 JAKE

This is me.

JAKE opens the door... to REVEAL he's rooming with Brad.

62 BRAD

Hey, look who gets to room with the new, sensitive, softer Bradster?

GO DEEP!

Brad tosses a FOOTBALL HARD into Jake's stomach, sending him flying back into the hallway.

63 JAKE

ON SPUD as he opens the door to the adjacent room.

64 SPUD

And this must be my roo--whoa! Happy Valentine's Day to me!

SPUD'S POV - TWO CUTE GIRLS are having a slo-mo giggly pillow fight. The girls quickly turn on Spud and begin WHACKING him with the pillows.

65 GIRLS

What are you doing? / Get out of our room, you weirdo!

66 SPUD

Ahhh! Feathers! Feathers!

Jake pulls Spud back out into the hallway. He examining Spud's ROOM KEY and compares it with the room number.

67 JAKE

Uh, Spud. I think you got the wrong room.

Spud turns to Jake, smiling goofily as he charges back into the room.

68 SPUD

If this room is wrong, I don't want to be right.

As the girls BOMBARD him with pillows, we-

WIPE TO:

EXT. SKI SLOPES - DAY

PROFESSOR ROTWOOD - his ankle in a cast, stands on crutches in front of the ski lift, addressing the students.

PROFESSOR ROTWOOD Per school rules, before you do the shooshing of the slopes, we must discuss a few safety guidelines. Number one: Always approach the ski lift with care, as...

On 'ski lift' Rotwood waves a crutch in the direction of the ski lift. His crutch gets caught in the chair, picking him up and causing him to tumble through the snow.

70 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD (O.S.)
(as he tumbles away/O.S.)
Ow! Oh! Ah! Ow! Ooof!...
(then, small, pained)
Uh, what do you call it when the bone protrudes from the flesh?

TRIXIE, SPUD and JAKE stand with the other students. Students shrug and charge the ski lift.

Trixie turns to Spud, who has feathers sticking out of him everywhere. His hair and clothes are comically dishevelled.

71 TRIXIE What happened to you?

72 SPUD I got the wrong room.

73 JAKE Speaking of rooms, how's girl-talk going?

74 TRIXIE

We-

Trixie opens her mouth to speak, but Jake goes on.

75 **JAKE**

What did Rose say about me?

Trixie opens her mouth to speak again... Jake impatiently cuts her off again.

> 76 TRIXIE

We-

JAKE 77

She likes my hair, right? Does she like my hair?

Trixie barely opens her mouth to speak when...

78 TRIXIE

We-

Jake shoves a hand over her mouth, shushing her.

79 **JAKE**

There she is! Shhh!

Jake waves at Rose, who waves and begins weaving through the other students towards him.

Trixie turns to Jake.

TRIXIE 80

Jakey, I am warning you, think this thing through. Take it from us, it's not the easiest thing in the world finding out that your friend is a...

Rose points at Jake, a look of surprise on her face.

81 ROSE

Dragon!

Jake's smile drops, as he chokes in shock.

82 **JAKE**

Wha?

83 ROSE

Your snow board!

Jake looks down at his snow board, which has an elaborate picture of a dragon on the bottom.

84 JAKE

Oh, yeah. Snow board. Dragon.

(then recovering)

Uh, that's right, you still got that birthmark?

Rose shows Jake and Trixie the DRAGON BIRTHMARK on the palm of her hand.

85 ROSE

It's kind of permanent.

86 SPUD

I got a birthmark.

Spud turns around about to pull down his pants. A horrified/disgusted Trixie shoves him away.

87 TRIXIE

Spud, no!

Jake clears his throat and moves towards Rose.

88 JAKE

Uh, listen, Rose.

Speaking of um... birthmarks...

There's something I wanted to talk

to you about.

89 BRAD (O.S.)

Rose-alicious!

Rose turns around to see Brad approaching.

90 BRAD

You've got a little something caught in your ski cap...

Brad reaches behind Rose's ear and "magically" pulls out - a

LONG STEMMED ROSE.

91 BRAD

I got you a Rose, 'cause... that's your name. That's what sensitive guys do, right? They get girls roses and stuff? Man, I rule at this stuff!

Brad hands her the rose. Rose reacts, definitely weirded-out.

92 ROSE

I... I don't know what to say-AHH!

Before Rose can even finish speaking Brad WHISKS her onto the approaching ski lift.

93 BRAD
Girls who don't know what to say

ROCK!

As the ski lift carries Rose away, Jake waves at her awkwardly.

94 JAKE (calling after her)
Okay then. We'll talk later. No problem. Cool.

Trixie shakes her head.

Jakey, you gotta stop over-thinking this Rose business. You don't see Spud goin' around all bein' all obsessive over some girl.

ON SPUD, as he stares at the ski lift, we DISSOLVE INTO HIS MISTY ROMANTIC FANTASY.

EXT. SKI SLOPES - SPUD'S FANTASY - DAY

Spud rides on the ski lift chair, hugging the side of it sweetly. He pets it, contented.

EXT. SKI LODGE HOT TUB - NIGHT

SPUD and the SKI CHAIR sink down into the bubbling water.

EXT. GAZEBO - CENTRAL PARK - (SPUD'S FANTASY) DAY

SPUD and THE SKI CHAIR stand in front of a PRIEST. Spud

lifts the ski chair's "veil" (which is over the lap bar) and

leans in for a kiss.

INT. SUBURBAN HOUSE

Spud sits on an UGLY COUCH, reading a NEWSPAPER, the Ski lift next to him. He pats 'her' 'leg' absentmindedly.

Little disturbing HALF SKI CHAIR/HALF SPUD children run around at their feet.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. SKI SLOPES (BACK TO SCENE)

BACK ON SPUD - still lost in his dream.

96 SPUD

(muttering)

Quiet, Lifty Jr. Daddy's trying to read... Whoaaa!!

Trixie grabs Spud and drags him towards the ski lift.

97 TRIXIE

Alright, Spud. Let's cut the chatter and get down to the matter. Mastering the ski lift is all about making booty to bench contact.

Trixie bends down, waving her rear towards the approaching bench. Spud does the same.

98 TRIXIE

Now don't be afraid to put some hip into it.

The ski lift approaches. The bench easily scoops up Trixie, but it merely knocks Spud face first into the snow, so that only his rear is sticking up in the air.

99 SPUD

(then, muffled by snow)

How was that?

Trixie looks down at the O.S. Spud. She averts her eyes.

100 TRIXIE
Your birthmark is showing.

WIPE TO:

EXT. SKI LIFT Ñ MONTAGE (STORY BOARD NOTE: THESE BEATS ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS. IF YOU HAVE FUNNIER, MORE VISUAL GAGS FOR THS MONTAGE PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADD THEM AS WELL. THANKS!!)

- Jake and Trixie both hold Spud up in the sitting position as the bench approaches... They drop Spud on the bench, and roll out of the way, but the force of Spud landing on the ski lift, causes the chair to SPIN for a beat, then SPIT him out O.S.

- Spud faces the ski lift. Trixie and Jake stand on either side of him. The lift approaches. SPUD JUMPS... and lands on his knees on the bench. He flails his arms as the ski lift lifts him... then he falls backwards into the snow, just his feet sticking up.
- Spud waits patiently, the ski lift approaches... and flies by him, RIPPING OFF every particle of his clothing except his boxers.

Trixie and Jake pull Spud away. He has snow caked in his hair. He looks much, much worse for the wear. He SHIVERS uncontrollably. He has two FROZEN greenish icicles hanging out of his nose.

101 SPUD
On the up side, I've mastered the art of snot-cicles.

Suddenly, the distant interrupts them.

JAKE takes, concerned.

102 JAKE

Ear of the dragon.

Jake MORPHS into EAR OF THE DRAGON and we hear in the loud and clear.

CUT TO:

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINSIDE Ñ DAY

ON THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN - It's PAW caught in a trap. It for its life.

103 HUNTSMAN (O.S., FILTERED)

You've done well, Thorn.

PAN TO THORN \tilde{N} speaking to a hologram of the HUNTSMASTER who has appeared on the flat end of her huntstaff.

104 THORN

Thank you, Huntsmaster. You can send the Huntsclan to pick him up at sundown.

105 HUNTSMAN (FILTERED) The Huntsclan. Why should I send them when you're already there?

The Abominable Snowman continues to in the B.G.

106 THORN

Master... I captured the creature like you asked but...

107 HUNTSMAN (FILTERED)
But nothing. You're not a child

anymore, Thorn. Come home with the pelt of the abominable snowman. Or don't come home at all.

The Huntsman out on the and the hologram dissolves back into the Huntstaff.

108 THORN

As Thorn raises her Huntstaff at the Abominable Snowman...

(MORE)

108 THORN (CONT'D)
DRAGON JAKE flies into frame, feet
first, knocking her to the ground.

109 THORN

110 JAKE

I may be wrong, but I think Abominable over there might be an endangered species.

Thorn finds her feet and prepares to spar.

111 THORN

The only endangered species I see around here is you.

Thorn lands a kick on Jake, sending him flying into a tree.

112 JAKE

Waaaaa-oof!!

Jake crashes into the tree, causing the branches to shake snow on top of his head, completely covering him in snow. A beat as his eyes BLINK through the snow.

Thorn cocks her head at him.

113 THORN

Hmm. White's not really your color.

She twirls the staff like a ninja stick, approaching Jake.

Jake, in a fluff of snow, ducks and rolls out from under the staff just as it hits the tree with a

A beat, as Jake and Rose exchange blows.

114 THORN

What are you doing here, anyway? If I didn't know any better, I'd swear you were following me.

115 JAKE

Maybe I am.

116 THORN

Maybe you should stop.

117 JAKE

Maybe you should chill!

On "chill," Jake knocks Thorn unforgivingly into a snowbank.

Thorn shakes off the snow and escapes into the forest. As she flees, something falls from one of her pockets. Jake leans into the snow to pick up the item.

119 JAKE
Yo, Thorn you forgot your...

CLOSE ON THE OBJECT - it's one of the school sponsored ski passes that were handed out on the bus.

120 JAKE Ski pass?

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. SKI LODGE MAIN ROOM Ñ THAT EVENING

The room is decorated in festive Valentine's Day decorations.

ON ROTWOOD - as he stands on crutches, now with a cast on his arm and his leg. He points his crutch at a kid holding a skateboard.

121 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD You! No skateboarding in the lodge!

He hobbles up to a BOY and a GIRL, sitting close to each other on the couch, sipping COCOA.

122 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD You two! Separate!

Trixie, Spud, and Jake sit in front of a fire, their feet kicked up on the coffee table. Rotwood uses his crutch to knock their legs off the coffee table.

123 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD You three! Feet off the coffee table!

But as he swings his crutch, he loses his balance, and begins flailing about the lodge, his crutch swinging about, shattering VASES, knocking a MOUNTED MOOSE HEAD off the wall, and so forth.

He hops backwards, trying to regain his balance and tumbles backwards down a flight of stairs.

(MORE)

124 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD (O.S.)

(another BUMP BUMP BUMP CRASH/CRUNCH)

That was my leq.

A beat, then Jake and friends go back to their conversation.

125 JAKE

So anyway... after Thorn ran off, I found this.

Jake pulls out the ski pass he found in the snow.

126 TRIXIE

Hold fast. Only people from our school have those!

127 JAKE

Exactly. Thorn is here on the ski trip. She's one of us.

128 SPUD

Whoa. Happy Valentines Day to Jake. Roses are red, violets are blue, your arch enemy goes to school with you. Harsh!

Trixie's eyes widen in realization.

129 TRIXIE

Oooooooh. We got a rat in the house!

130 SPUD

Now all we gotta do is set a trap-

131 JAKE

Before Spud can finish his sentence, Jake has let out an attack scream and is diving at... A FIGURE in a dark green/black suit with a ski mask, standing outside the lobby ski shop. Jake and the figure tumble to the center of the ski lodge. Arms and legs begins flying off the figure, which we soon realize is a mannequin. ON THE CENTER OF THE LODGE - as Jake and the mannequin land in the middle of a group of students.

132 STUDENTS
Trixie and Spud race to untangle
Jake from the mannequin.

133 TRIXIE

Yo, I don't think attacking Thorn lookin' mannequins qualifies as a trap.

Jake dusts himself off, rethinking things.

134 JAKE

Yeah, I guess you're right. It's not like Thorn would just be hangin' out in the lodge.

PAN TO ROSE - just around the corner, speaking in hushed tones with the Huntsman hologram on the top of her Huntstaff. (NOTE: The handle is retracted, so what Thorn is holding is actually the end of the staff; a sphere only slightly larger than a CD.)

135 HUNTSMAN (FILTERED)

What do you mean you won't be bringing me an Abominable Snowman pelt?

136 ROSE

Don't worry. I have something better. A dragon skin. I'll be slaying it tonight.

Rose looks up to see Jake and friends approaching. She shuts off her Huntscom device and tucks it behind her back.

137 JAKE

Hey! Did I hear you right?

138 ROSE

Well, I, uh...

139 JAKE

You going sleighing? 'Cause I loooove a good sleigh ride. In fact, maybe you and me could go sleighing tonight.

(then)

See, there's something I wanna tell you and-

140 BRAD (O.S.)

Hey, Rose!

Brad walks up to Rose, coming between her and Jake.

141 BRAD

I think you dropped something...

As Rose looks down, Brad pulls a large bouquet of roses out of his sleeve. She looks up smiling.

142 BRAD

More roses for my Rose-alicious.

Brad hands Rose the flowers. Rose smiles at him awkwardly. Brad throws an awkward arm around her, walking her away, BUMPING Jake in the shoulder as he leaves.

JAKE - lunges after him. Trixie and Spud hold him back.

143 JAKE

Yo, that fool is goin' down!

Trixie and Spud drag Jake away.

144 TRIXIE

Forget him. We got bigger flapjacks to flip.

WIPE TO:

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

ON SPUD - looking unsure.

145 SPUD

Uh, Jake, I feel the need to tell you that I'm a little disturbed by this plan.

WIDEN - SPUD is dressed like a leprechaun. He has shoes on his knees, to give the illusion that he's short.

146 TRIXIE

Yo, I'm more disturbed by the fact that Jake not only owns a leprechaun costume, but brought it on the ski trip.

Jake shrugs, defensively.

147 JAKE What? So I over-packed!

Spud SIGHS, and begins shuffling down the hallway on his knee shoes. Trixie and Jake duck behind a corner to watch.

148 SPUD

(sloppy Irish accent)
Oh, gosh be-gora! 'tis a sad thing
indeed to be a little lost
leprechaun. I do hope a ninja
huntress doesn't come upon me,
don'tcha know!

A DORM ROOM door opens. A long haired skinny figure draped in black steps out into the hallway.

JAKE dives at the figure with a blanket.

149 JAKE

Gotcha, Thorn!!!

He removes the blanket from the shape to reveal a LONG HAIRED BOY in his black bathrobe. The long haired boy looks between Jake and Spud, confused.

150 LONG HAIRED SURFER BOY Actually, it's Bjorn.

(then)
Hey, are you a... leprechaun?

151 JAKE

Uh... you're having a lucid dream. It's an advanced stage of altitude sickness.

The Long Haired Boy, mesmerized, gently pokes at the side of Spud's head with his index finger, to see if he's real.

152 LONG HAIRED SURFER BOY Whooooaaah. Lucid dreams rock!

Trixie walks up. The long haired boy points to her excited/catching on.

153 LONG HAIRED SURFER BOY You're not real!

Trixie nods at him and yanks Jake and Spud off the floor.

154 TRIXIE

My room. Now.

INT. TRIXIE'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Trixie, Spud, and Jake burst into Trixie's room.

155 TRIXIE

Jake, this has gone way too far. You're tackling innocent-- (stopping short)

What the..?

All three stop short to see--

Rose, her bed propped vertically against the wall, doing pull ups on the legs like Linda Hamilton in Terminator 2.

156 ROSE She then vaults herself up above the bed and does handstand push

the bed and does handstand push ups... and one HANDED hand stand push-ups. A beat, and she notices Trixie, Spud and Jake. She smiles awkwardly and waves at them demurely with her free hand.

157 ROSE

Oh... hi, I was just... getting in a quick pre-ski work out.

She flips off the bed, sticking a perfect landing.

Jake, Trixie and Spud back out of the room, shutting the door behind them.

158 TRIXIE

Yo, did you see--

159 JAKE

Heck yeah! Rose is totally buff!

Jake and Spud high five excitedly. Trixie shakes her head.

WIPE TO:

INT. SKI LODGE \tilde{A}' LATER

ON the empty ski lodge FRONT DESK. A beat, and Jake, Trixie, and Spud's heads peak out from behind the desk.

They look right... then left... then nod at each other and duck back down.

A beat and a HAND reaches up on the counter and YANKS down a phone.

ANGLE BEHIND THE COUNTER - Jake pushes the INTERCOM button on the phone and speaks into the headset.

160 JAKE Attention in the lodge...

WIDE ON THE LODGE -

As Jake's vaguely disguised voice comes out over the loudspeaker...

161 JAKE
... there's a collect call at the
front desk from...

Behind the desk - Jake hands the phone over to Spud.

162 SPUD (in a manly voice) ... Huntsmaster.

Jake's head peaks over the front desk, just as a GIRL in a bulky parka stands from her seat.

Jake dives out from behind the counter, tackling her as she passes.

163 GIRL Ahhhhhhhhh!

164 JAKE rong number, Thorn! Think

Wrong number, Thorn! Think you can hide under all that padding? Huh??

The Girl looks at Jake, speaking in RAPID RUSSIAN.

165 GIRL
The translation reads. "I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE ENGLISH! I

ONLY WANT TO MAKE USE OF THE BATHROOM!"

Jake quickly lets the girl up and she ducks into a LADIES ROOM across the hall from the front desk.

166 JAKE Okay, maybe we need a new plan-

167 TRIXIE

Shhhh!

Trixie clotheslines Jake, stopping him short and point to...

PAN TO...

Rose, leaning over Rotwood, lying on the couch. Rotwood now has casts on both of his legs and one of his arms. Jake, Trixie, and Spud walk by. Trixie elbows Jake and points in their direction.

168 ROSE So, I must've lost my ski pass somewhere.

She smiles sweetly.

169 ROSE
Do you think I could maybe, just maybe, get another?

170 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD Well, normally I would never allow it, but seeing as you asked so nicely, I'm sure I could...

As Professor Rotwood talks, an INCIDENTAL GEEK passes behind Rose, bumping into her.

171 GEEK

Excuse me-

By instinct, Rose spins around and FLIPS the GEEK, landing

him on top of Professor Rotwood with a

172 ROSE

173 GEEK/PROFESSOR ROTWOOD

/ My ribs!

Rose, realizing what she's done and hurries away.

174 ROSE

ON TRIXIE, JAKE and SPUD watching this from off screen. Trixie's eyes are wide.

175 TRIXIE

Did you see that?

176 JAKE

Yeah, Rose's aerobics classes are really paying off.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. JAKE'S ROOM Ñ LATER

Jake enters his room to find Brad, TUNING a radio on his night stand.

177 BRAD

Dude, check it out!

Brad tunes in the station and turns it up.

178 RADIO ANNOUNCER

...gale force winds and heavy snowfall will combine to create blizzard conditions...

179 BRAD

Hear that? Blizzard comin' in. The ladies love the blizzards. The cold makes them all snugly. Oww!

Brad pulls a HEART-SHAPED BOX OF CHOCOLATES out of his bag.

180 BRAD

I'm gonna totally make my move with Rose tonight. I got all the junk for romance. Chocolates...

Brad proceeds to pull out a CANDELABRA.

181 BRAD

Candle light...

Brad then pulls out a small IPOD-TYPE MP3 PLAYER and puts the headphones in his ears.

> 182 JAKE

Lemmie guess, romantic music?

183 BRAD

You kidding? These are just so I don't have to listen to her talk. Or you.

Brad pops in the headphones. Jake just stares at him.

184 BRAD

(mocking/annoying at Jake) What? What? Can't hear you.

Jake rolls his eyes.

WIPE TO:

INT. SKI LODGE Ñ NIGHT

Rotwood, leans against the wall on crutches, now with one of his arms and both his legs in casts, and a bandage rapped around his ribs. He murmurs to passing students.

> PROFESSOR ROTWOOD 185 Don't worry about me, my Teutonic blood allows me to endure

extraordinarily high levels of pain...

(then dozing off)

What's that mother? The chickens are loose again?

A beat and Rotwood passes out FACE PLANTING forward, and pitching out a shuttered window. (The shutters swing open, allowing him to crash through them; no broken glass please.) Jake, Trixie and Spud pass Rotwood. Jake points to ROSE, enjoying cocoa with another girl (COURTNEY) across the room. 186 JAKE

This is it. I've got to tell Rose I'm a dragon before Brad gets a chance make his move.

187 TRIXIE

Uh, Jakey, I didn't wanna be the one to bring this up, but seeing as you're blind as a bat... Have you noticed anything... strange about the way Rose has been acting?

188 JAKE

No.

Spud shakes his head.

189 SPUD

Denial, party of one, your table's ready.

190 TRIXIE

Open your eyes, Jakey. The missing ski pass, the ninja body slam, the pro-wrestler biceps...

191 SPUD

The almost compulsive obsession with mastering the ski lift -- oh, wait, that's me.

192 TRIXIE

I'm sorry, Jakey, but Rose is totally Thorn. And I'm not about to let you go tell your arch enemy that you're a dragon. I mean think about it... Rose? Thorn? Get it?

Jake takes, realizing.

193 JAKE

Heeey. You're pretty sure about this... Too sure. Maybe 'cause you're hiding something. You know I searched every girl's room this weekend... except for yours... Thorn!!!

Spud and throws a hand to his mouth.

194 TRIXIE

Okay, now you're just making fool talk. If I were Thorn, I woulda taken you out by now.

(MORE)

194 TRIXIE (CONT'D)

You couldn't touch my ninja business. I'm sorry, but it's Rose.

195 SPUD

Roses are red, Jake is forlorn, 'cause he just found out that Rose is Thorn.

(then)

Man I should publish this stuff.

WIDE - Jake notices Rose getting up and sneaking out, shutting the door behind her.

196 TRIXIE

I'm sorry Jake, but who are you gonna trust? Us or her?

A beat and Brad gets up and also exits out the door box of chocolates and candelabra in tow.

197 BRAD

Time for a little Rose-Brad alone time.

TRIXIE grabs Jake's shoulders.

198 TRIXIE

Jake! Are you listening to me?

199 JAKE

Uh-huh, can we talk about this later?

200 TRIXIE

NO-WE-CANNOT-TALK-ABOU-AS THEY TALK, Trixie grabs Jake's arm, but Jake quickly morphs into a dragon arm, slipping out of her grasp and hurrying out the door after Rose.

201 TRIXIE

(calling after him)
Alright, but don't come crying to
Trixie when that she-witch filets
you with her hunts stick thing.

202 SPUD

Roses are red, Spud is afraid. Trixie's ticked off. Jake's getting slayed.

Trixie turns to Spud annoyed.

203 TRIXIE

Yo, you gotta stop that.

CUT TO:

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINTOP - NIGHT

Jake walks through the BLIZZARDY CONDITIONS. The FURY OF THE SNOW is blinding.

He sees Brad, stumble by, oblivious to Jake.

204 BRAD

Rose! Rose-alicious! Ding, ding baby, you got a ticket for the Brad a-rail! Now boarding at station love...

Jake rolls his eyes, and continues to scan the mountain top.

205 JAKE

Eye of the dragon!

DRAGON POV - through the snow, Jake sees the silhouette of ROSE on the top of the mountain.

A beat, as he loses her in the snow... then picks up the silhouette of THORN.

On Jake - as he steels himself.

206 JAKE

Dragon Up!

In a swirl of COOL FX Jake morphs into the American Dragon and flies into the wind.

ON THORN - as she paces around the Abominable snowman which is in a trap (NOTE: it's a different trap from the one he was in before.)

207 JAKE (O.S.) What did I tell you about trapping innocent creatures?

Rose spins around to see Dragon Jake standing beside her.

208 ROSE

Hmm... You don't look so innocent to me.

Just then a TRAP falls down on Jake from above.

209 JAKE

Aw, man.

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. SKI LODGE - NIGHT

Trixie paces in front of Spud.

You know what? Forget him. Let him fend for himself out in the snow with a blizzard and a ninja.

Spud looks up at Trixie.

211 SPUD

I'm worried about him, too.

Trixie looks at Spud for a beat.

212 TRIXIE

Well, come on then. We gotta get our rescue on.

Trixie and Spud head for the door.

They open it to reveal PROFESSOR ROTWOOD, even more bandaged than before.

213 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD

Buh-buh-buh-buh!

Rotwood hobbles in...

214 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD Where exactly do you think you're going? I may only have one good arm, but I can still stop you from--

Rotwood SLAMS the door behind him, causing an ANTLER
CHANDELIER directly over Rotwood's head to fall on him. The
Chandelier crashes down on Rotwood, rolling him away out of
shot.

215 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD (O.S.)

Internal... organs... now...
external.

TRIXIE AND SPUD - shrug and hurry out into the blizzard.

EXT. SKI SLOPE Ñ SAME

Trixie and Spud exit the ski lodge into the blizzard.

216 SPUD

There!

Spud points to Jake's footprints in the snow (four human footprints, then four dragon footprints.)

CAMERA follows the footprints a few steps until they disappear.

217 TRIXIE

I'm guessing that's where the wings kicked in.

218 SPUD

There's no way we can walk up that mountain in this storm.

219 TRIXIE

Who said anything about walking?

Trixie points to the ski lift a few feet away from them, whipping around dangerously in the blizzard. The wind causes one of the chairs to fly off the tracks, SLAMMING into an O.S. Tree.

220 SPUD

CUT TO:

EXT. ROCKY MOUNTAINTOP - NIGHT

Jake examines the trap, a weave of wood, boxed around him. He smiles at Thorn, cocky.

221 JAKE

You expect a wooden cage to keep in a dragon for long?

Thorn smiles.

222 THORN

Long enough for me to slay you.

Thorn aims her Huntstaff at Jake. Jake takes a deep inhale and EXHALES a burst of fire, but the force of the BLIZZARD merely blows the snow back in his mouth.

223 JAKE

Thorn mocks sympathy.

224 THORN

Awww, is the big bad blizzard wind too much for your wittle dragon fire?

225 JAKE

Thorn baby, you're the wind beneath my wings.

Jake quickly spreads his wings to MAXIMUM, causing the wind to pick him up, trap and all.

As the trap tumbles away, Jake tumbles with it, but manages to free himself from it. Jake rolls down the hill, collecting a giant snowball around himself as he falls.

226 JAKE

Whoaaaahhahhahhh!

ANGLE DOWN THE HILL \tilde{N} as BRAD, chocolates and candelabra still in hand, wanders about in the snow, clueless.

227 BRAD

Rose? Rose, honey? Where are ya? Time to par-tay!

The snowball Jake ROLLS into BRAD, rolling him down the hill.

228 JAKE/BRAD

ANGLE DOWN THE HILL -

Where two PARAMEDICS load professor Rotwood towards the back of an open AMBULANCE on a STRETCHER.

A BEAT and the BRAD SNOWBALL PLOWS into ROTWOOD, knocking the stretcher cleanly out of the Paramedic's hands.

229 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD They roll out of frame to the sound of a CRASH and a CAR

ALARM.

BACK ON JAKE - who winces, watching the scene below...

230 THORN WIDEN as THORN jumps on him from behind.

231 JAKE Yo, get off my back, woman!

Jake spins Rose off his back and turns, ready to fight her.

Jake and Rose exchange a few snowy blows...

Jake tosses Thorn away from him. Thorn, clearly losing the battle, throws her Huntstaff onto the ground. It morphs into a snow board, which she takes off on. Jake quickly uses his dragon claws to carve a snow board out of a nearby tree and follows her.

233 JAKE
It's about time we got some snow boarding in on this trip.

Jake and Thorn engage in a fast-paced, blizzardy, snow boarding showdown over hills, under branches, dodging trees...

THORN - skillfully slaloms around trees...

JAKE - painfully crashes through them.

234 JAKE
They reach a half pipe, and crisscross each other, Jake grabbing for
Thorn, as she coolly flips away
from him.

235 THORN Nice moves, Dragon.

236 JAKE Right back at'cha. But you need a pair of wings to really catch air.

Finally as Jake flies up above the half-pipe, he flips his board away with his feet, and he uses his dragon wings to fly over Thorn, knocking her off her board in mid air.

As Thorn tumbles out of the half pipe, Jake flies after her. ANGLE ON A WOODED AREA near the halfpipe. Thorn lands in the snow and tries to shake off the crash. Jake uses his dragon CLAWS to sheer several sharp icicles from a tree branch.

238 JAKE Leaving so soon? Stick around a while.

He throws them at Thorn, pinning her to a tree by her clothes like a carnival knife thrower. Thorn struggles, trapped.

239 THORN Go ahead, finish the

job. The Huntsclan will find you

soon enough. Trust me.

Jake looks at Thorn a beat. He comes to a decision.

240 JAKE Actually, I don't.

Jake raises a claw at Thorn... but only uses it to SHRED her GLOVE, leaving her dragon birthmark exposed.

241 JAKE (to himself)
They were right.

Jake stumbles back, shocked.

Rose, RIPS herself free of the icicles, thrusting her palm at Jake's.

242 THORN

You like it? It's the mark of the Huntsclan. It assures me that I was born to do one thing: Slay dragons.

Thorn raises her Huntstaff at Jake and lets out a mighty BATTLE CRY as she approaches Jake.

243 THORN

WIDEN - the battle cry causes the snow above her to shake for a beat, then avalanche down the mountain. Thorn takes, terrified as the SNOW ROARS towards her.

as the avalanche picks up Thorn, rushing her down the mountain in it's snowy fury.

244 THORN

Jake takes, as the mass of sliding snow heads towards a

CLIFF.

245 JAKE

Rose!

He quickly takes flight.

Jake swoops down and grabs Thorn by her hand just as she's about to be swept off the cliff by the avalanche.

Thorn looks up, shocked to see Jake carrying her to safety.

246 THORN

Wha? What are you doing?

Jake doesn't answer. Thorn karate chops Jake's arm, causing him to drop her (just a few feet) onto the ground. Jake lands next to her.

247 THORN

Why did you save me? We're mortal enemies. Or did you forget?

Jake's eyes narrow.

248 JAKE

I wish I could.

Jake turns away, leaving Thorn a crumpled mess on the ground.

Jake walks down the hill a few paces, when he hears:

249 THORN (O.S.)

DRAGON!

WIDEN - Thorn's Huntstaff is right up against Jake's back.

250 THORN
You saved my life, but that doesn't change my destiny. Any last words?

Thorn stands behind him, ready to make the final move.

251 SPUD (O.S.)

EAT SNOW, THORN!

WIDEN TO REVEAL a triumphant Spud and Trixie jumping down from the ski lift and landing on top of Thorn, knocking her to the ground.

252 SPUD Who! Did you see that!? I did it! I have mastered the ski lif-AHHHH!

A beat as a SKI CHAIR falls from the sky, knocking him on the BACK. He falls face first into the snow.

Thorn, not looking back, quickly regains her feet and dashes off into the snow.

Trixie turns to Jake.

253 TRIXIE

Aren't you gonna go after her?

Jake shakes his head.

254 JAKE

Let her go.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. SKI LODGE - LATER

Trixie, Spud and Jake once again sit by the fire drinking cocoa and petting Lodgedog.

255 SPUD

Roses are red, they bloom in the summer, turns out Rose is Thorn, and that's a real...

(then)
I've got nothing. The gift is gone.

Jake sighs.

256 JAKE

I shoulda trusted you guys

all along.

257 TRIXIE

Hey, don't even sweat it, Jakey. If you ask me, Rose wasn't all that anyway. Listen to this:

Trixie pulls out a HANDHELD TAPE RECORDER and pushes play.

258 ROSE

259 TRIXIE
She snores like gravel in a
blender. Plus, you should see the
homegirl's feet. She's put some
serious ninja wear and tear on
those suckers. Oh, and don't even
get me started on sharing a
bathroom...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. SCHOOL BUS N MORNING

ON ROTWOOD - wedged into a chair sideways in a FULL BODY CAST, rigged with ropes and a pulley system to the ceiling of the bus to keep one of his legs elevated.

260 PROFESSOR ROTWOOD

As one of the students passes his SKIS get tangled in the pulley system, causing Professor Rotwood to FOLD painfully.

THE STUDENTS - SHRUG and walk on...

...passing BRAD, wrapped in a blanket, sneezing and coughing up a storm. He smiles at a cute girl.

261 BRAD

Hey, ladies, the I'm offering group rates on the Bradster Express. Who's riding? Alll Aboooaar-ACHOOO!

The girl recoils as Brad SNEEZES, covering his mouth. She walks on passing...

... JAKE sitting alone. Trixie sits one seat behind him. She leans forward, whispering in Jake's ear.

262 TRIXIE

Oh, here comes trouble.

Trixie points out:

ROSE approaching Jake, smiling sweetly.

263 ROSE

Hey, Jake.

Jake nods at Rose, coldly.

264 ROSE

Listen, uh... I'm sorry we didn't get a chance to hang out this weekend.

265 JAKE

Hey. You were busy.

266 ROSE

So... you wanted to tell me something. (then) Is this seat taken?

Jake stares at her for a beat, then...

267 JAKE

Sorry. It is.

Rose takes stung and walks on.

Trixie turns to Jake.

268 TRIXIE Yo, where is Spud anyway?

CUT TO:

EXT. SKI LIFT Ñ SAME

Spud rides the ski lift triumphantly.

269 SPUD

That's right, Lifty! It's you and me, together forever! A match made in heav--AHHH!

As Spud gestures triumphantly, he comically FALLS out of the ski lift.

ON THE GROUND \tilde{N} from the DEEP SPUD-SHAPED IMPRINT in the snow we hear...

270 SPUD Okay, fine. But for the record, I

broke up with you.

FADE OUT.

THE END